

REMARKS

Claims 73-82 are pending in the Application following election of the claims of Group I in an Amendment and Response filed on April 15, 2008. In the prior Amendment, Claim 75 was amended in view of the Restriction Requirement to limit the claim to HIV target sequence comprising nucleotides 1853-1855 of SEQ ID NO:158, with the numbering of the recited region in accordance with the way SEQ ID NO:158 is depicted and numbered in Figure 55, in which the numbering of the sequence begins at nucleotide 460, rather than at nucleotide 1. For clarity, Applicants now amend Claim 75 to refer to HIV target sequence comprising nucleotides ~~1853-1855~~ 1394 to 1396, with the numbers referring to SEQ ID NO:158 as depicted and numbered in the Sequence Listing. Nucleotides 1394 to 1396 of SEQ ID NO:158 as depicted in the Sequence Listing are the same nucleotides as nucleotides 1853-1855 of SEQ ID NO:158 as depicted in Figure 55 and this amendment does not change the restriction election, or contain new matter. This amendment does not narrow the claims.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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